

Acts 2:47 ...and the Lord was adding those being saved every day to the assembly. (YNG)

Ancient Practice #5: _____.

Mission: The redemptive mission of God, as demonstrated in Christ, _____ through His body, the _____.

Incarnation: In Jesus, God _____ us on our turf.

John 1:14 So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. (NLT)

1. _____: In Jesus, God is fully present to us.

Colossians 2:9-10 For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body, and you are complete through your union with Christ. He is the Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe. (NLT)

2. _____: In Jesus, God became accessible to us, fully knowable by all... the outcasts, the broken, the estranged, the disreputable... everyone.

Luke 19:10 And I, the Son of Man, have come to seek and save those like him who are lost. (NLT)

Matthew 11:18-19 For John the Baptist didn't drink wine and he often fasted, and you say, "He, is demon possessed." And I, the Son of Man, feast and drink, and you say, "He is a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of the worst sort of sinners!" But wisdom is shown to be right by what results from it. (NLT)

3. _____: In becoming one of us, God takes on the form of a servant, not a ruler.

Philippians 2:5-8 Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. (NLT)

4. _____: "Come, follow me."

Luke 9:23-24 Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life." (NLT)

Matthew 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (NIV)

Incarnational Mission: Through the Church, God _____ our world on its turf.

John 20:20-21 He spoke to them again and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (NLT)

1. Presence: Through our _____, God becomes present to our friends.

2. Proximity: Through our openness and _____, God becomes accessible to anyone... especially those who are far from Him.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible ... I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. (NIV)

3. Powerlessness: In order to reflect the personality of Jesus, we reject normal forms of power in communication and choose servant-hood and _____ instead.

Luke 22:25-27 Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men order their people around, and yet they are called "friends of the people." But among you, those who are the greatest should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Normally the master sits at the table and is served by his servants. But not here! For I am your servant. (NLT)

4. Proclamation: " _____ as we follow Him."

Acts 2:47 And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. (TEV)